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In the application of:

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For: OVERPRODUCTION HOSTS FOR  
BIOSYNTHESIS OF POLYKETIDES

Examiner: Terry A. McKelvey

Group Art Unit: 1636

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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This is in response to an Office action herein mailed 18 November 2003, time for response to which is set to expire 18 January 2004. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the subject application. Claims 9-20 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-4, 7 and 8 were rejected, and claims 5 and 6 were objected to in the Office Action. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

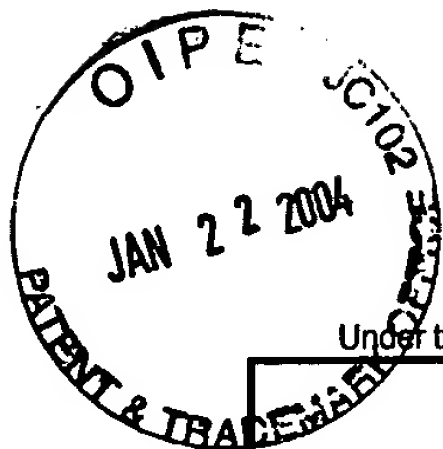


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